

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
September 15, 2009
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS
237 COLISEUM DRIVE, MACON, GA
9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **September 15, 2009** for the purpose of conducting business.

Board Members Present:

Lola Rosenbaum, D.P.T., President
John Cowherd, Vice-President
Charlene Portee, P.T., PhD
Donald Walsh, P.T.
George Hamil, P.T.
Emily Garner, P.T.
Patti Willis, P.T.

Staff Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Carol White, Board Secretary
Daniel Strowe, Attorney via conference call

AGENDA

Dr. Rosenbaum established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., was called to order at 9:13 a.m.

Minutes from the July 21, 2009 board meeting: Mr. Cowherd motioned/Mr. Hamil seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Consider for ratification licenses that have been administratively issued. Mr. Cowherd motioned/Mr. Hamil seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the newly issued licenses.

Discussion of November 3, 2009 annual public meeting, topics and how to manage. (Per Board's request at July 2009 Board meeting.)

The Board discussed the time for the November 3, 2009 annual public meeting and decided to set 1:00 p.m. for the time the meeting will be held. Executive Director Martin will check to see about the location of the board meeting and the public meeting. For the Public meeting the agenda topics will be as follows:

- Discuss cognizant – Don Walsh
- Discuss rules/policy changes – Patricia Willis
- Board overview and role of consumer member – John Cowherd
- FSBPT report – Dr. Charlene Portee
- Continuing Competency Report – Emily Garner
- Online law examination – Dr. Lola Rosenbaum

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- Board functions – Average amount of time for application processing, efficiency of Board functioning, State report

This information will be emailed to all licensees and applicants.

Ethics and Jurisprudence Online Test.

- Dr. Rosenbaum discussed the call that took place with the FSBPT. Mr. Walsh stated that he suggests that the current version of the laws, rules and policies be part of the examination.
- Contractual issues/contractual relationship with FSBPT?
- Who will maintain the examination question pool?

Consideration of Board Rule 490-4-.02.

The Board viewed as informational. No action was taken.

Consideration of Board Rule 490-2-.09.

The Board viewed as information. No action was taken.

Correspondence from Jennifer Boyette.

Mr. Cowherd motioned/Mr. Hamil seconded and the Board voted to send a No Legal Letter, seek legal private counsel and refer to Board Rules 490-10-.01, 490-11-.01 and 43-33-18.

Correspondence from Michelle Batie.

Mr. Walsh provided information from APTA – Oxygen Administration During Physical Therapy. Mr. Walsh motioned/Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to refer to Board Policy #12 and APTA Oxygen Administration During Physical Therapy.

Correspondence from Craig Castanet, D.C.

Mr. Walsh motioned/Mr. Hamil seconded and the Board voted to refer to Board Rule 490-11-.01 and to the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners who can advise on the scope of practice.

Correspondence from FSBPT.

Mr. Walsh provided CAPTE Accreditation Update information. The Board discussed and viewed as informational.

Executive Director's Open Session – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin advised the Board that renewals should be up and running no later than October 1, 2009. The renewal announcement will also be added to the Board's home page.
- Ms. Martin inquired the Board members about using the Epiware site to post CE audit information.

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- Ms. Martin advised the Board about on-line applications.
- The Board voted to approve the 2010 Board meeting schedule.

Miscellaneous.

The Rules Committee will reconvene. From a topical stand-point they will review the rules via e-mail.

Revise Policy:

Policy #12 – POSITION ON MEDICATIONS

12.(a) The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, adopts the APTA Pharmacology in Physical Therapist Practice. The scope of practice of physical therapy often requires the use of medications in the course of patient/client management, such as in the administration of phonophoresis, iontophoresis, nebulized bronchodilators, and in integumentary repair and protection. The application and storage of medications used in physical therapy is within the scope of physical therapy practice.

Policy approved at the March 16, 2004 meeting.

Policy reaffirmed at the January 2009 meeting

Revised at the September 15, 2009 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- Mr. Cowherd made a motion, Ms. Garner seconded, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k), O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(H)(2) & (4), and to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Mr. Hamil, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Portee and Ms. Willis. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Applications/Licensure-

- **B.W.H.** – Physical Therapist Endorsement Applicant.
recommendation: Approved.
- **C.A.J** – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant.
recommendation: Approved.
- **C.L.C.** - Physical Therapist examination applicant.
recommendation: Examination approved – However, 1,000 hour traineeship still is required. Applicant could be considered by endorsement if reinstates MS license or 1,000 hour traineeship and continuing competency hours would be required.
- **J.M.B.**– Physical Therapist endorsement applicant
recommendation: Approved.

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- **K.J.S.** – Physical Therapist endorsement applicant
recommendation: Denied.
- **K.T.B.** – Physical Therapist Examination applicant
recommendation: Require 1,000 traineeship before further consideration.
- **R.A.F.** – Physical Therapist Assistant applicant.
recommendation: Approved.
- **V.L.W.** – **Physical Therapist applicant**
recommendation: Require 1,000 hour traineeship and continuing competency.
- **N.J.L.** – **Physical Therapist applicant**
recommendation: Approved.
- **C.C.Y.** – **Physical Therapist Assistant examination applicant**
recommendation: Approved
- **A.E.D.** – Physical Therapist Assistant endorsement applicant
recommendation: Denied
- **A.J.E.** – Physical Therapist endorsement applicant
recommendation: Approved
- **R.B.S.** – Physical Therapist examination applicant
recommendation: Approved
- **A.A.M.** – Physical Therapist Foreign Trained exam applicant
recommendation: Approved
- **J.S.** – Physical Therapist Assistant endorsement
recommendation: Approved
- **A.R.P.** – Physical Therapist Assistant examination applicant.
recommendation: Denied

Cognizant Report: - Don Walsh
No Report

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin provided the Board with the compliance report.

Attorney General's report – Daniel Strowe

- Mr. Strowe provided the Board with a status report.

Mr. Cowherd motioned, Mr. Walsh seconded and the Board voted to approve the recommendations made in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Mr. Hamil motioned; Mr. Walsh seconded and the Board meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Carol White, Board Secretary

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Reviewed/Edited by: Anita Martin, Executive Director

These minutes will be signed and approved on November 3 , 2009.

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